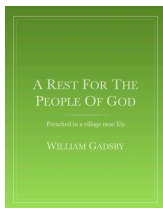


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(PSALM 107:29)



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Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

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**Shawna Hicks - 4th, Naomi Caffee - 5th,
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**This evening's podcast will be from PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS
LUKE 1:46,47; PSALM 4:10-12 — WHY WAS MARY MERRY?**

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***** SPECIAL MEETINGS *** We're All Invited!**

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FRI, OCT 6TH @ 7:30 PM, SAT, OCT 7TH @ 6:30 PM, SUN, OCT 8TH @ 10:00 AM

PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER, PASTOR DONNIE BELL, & PASTOR MARVIN STALNAKER

CHOSEN TO SALVATION

**"...WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS ALWAY TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED OF
THE LORD, BECAUSE GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION
THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH"**

(2 THESSALONIANS 2:13)

[Beloved], GOD hath chosen you from the beginning. His election is sure for ever [2 SAMUEL 23:5]. The Lord knoweth who are his. You shall not be deceived with the power and subtilty of antichrist. You shall not fall from grace: You shall not perish. This is the comfort which abideth with the faithful, when they behold the fall of the wicked; when they see them forsake the truth, and delight in fables [lies]; when they see them return to their vomit, and wallow again in the mire. When we see these things in others, we must say, alas! they are examples for me, and lamentable examples. Let him that thinketh he standeth, take

heed that he fall not. But God hath loved *me* and chosen *me* to salvation. His mercy shall go before me, and his mercy shall follow in me. His mercy shall guide my feet, and stay me from falling. If I stay by myself, I stay by nothing; I must needs come to the ground.—He hath loved me; he hath chosen me; he will keep me. Neither the example, nor the company of others, nor the enticing of the devil, nor my own sensual imaginations, nor sword, nor fire, [nor flood], is able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the comfort of the faithful.—Whatsoever falleth upon others, though others fall and perish, although they forsake Christ, and follow after antichrist, yet God hath loved you, and given his Son for you, He hath chosen you, and prepared you unto salvation, and hath written your name in the book of life. But how may we *know* that God hath *chosen* us? How may we see this ELECTION? Or, how may we *feel* it? The Apostle saith, through *sanctification* and the *faith* of truth. These are *tokens* of God's *election*. This [namely the Holy Spirit] comforteth us in all temptations, and beareth witness with our spirit, that we be the children of God; that God hath chosen us, and doth love us, and hath prepared us to salvation; that we are the heirs of his glory; that God will keep us as the apple of his eye; and he will defend us, and we shall not perish. [1 PETER 1:3-5] [AMEN!]

[PASTOR] JOHN JEWEL (1522–1571)

ONLY ONE ARK

“THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN,
GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED”

(ACTS 4:12)

When our God sent the flood, the whole world perished except those happy ones who were found in the ark. Even so, there is only ONE WAY of salvation for all persons living under heaven. There is only one name whereby they can be saved. Would you be saved, rich man? There is no way except that way whereby the poorest pauper is also to be saved. Would you be delivered O man of intelligence? You must be saved in the same way as the most ignorant! There were not two arks, only one. So there are not two saviours, only one Saviour! There was no other means of salvation except the ark, so “*There is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (ACTS 4:12) except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

“OF HIM”

“...OF HIM ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO OF GOD IS MADE UNTO US WISDOM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND SANCTIFICATION, AND REDEMPTION:”

(1 CORINTHIANS 1:30)

The Word of God declares *“of Him are ye in Christ Jesus:”* Now, what evidence is there that I am in Christ? Can I know that by looking at myself? No! The only evidence is that I believe Christ.

Beloved, salvation is found in a person, Christ Jesus the Lord, and the only evidence that I’m saved is that I am, right now as I type these words, trusting the LORD JESUS CHRIST with all my salvation; in fact He is my only hope of being saved. That’s the evidence that I am in Christ, united with Him.

God’s word further declares *“who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”* Now, what evidence is there that CHRIST has been made my WISDOM, my RIGHTEOUSNESS, my SANCTIFICATION, and REDEMPTION? What evidence is there that my mountain of sin and iniquity has been cast into the depths of the sea to be remembered no more? Do I look at my works? Do I look to see how I compare with other people? No! Beloved, don’t let the despising of religious hypocrites move you to look to yourself; for you won’t see your salvation by looking to yourself, just as surely as the murmuring unbeliever won’t see it. The only evidence that God has saved me and united me to His Son; is found in this, I believe Christ, for saving faith is *“the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”* (HEBREWS 11:1). [Read—JEREMIAH 31:34, MICAH 7:19, HEBREWS 8:12]

King David, what kind of man are you? Adulterer! Deceiver! Murderer! (PSALM 51:1-14) *“What must I do to be saved?”* Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved, *singing aloud of His righteousness, of His only!* [Read PSALM 7:17, 71:16]

Beloved, CHRIST JESUS is our *“all, and in all”* (COLOSSIANS 3:11). To you who believe on CHRIST, *“ye are complete in Him.”* All our wisdom, all our righteousness, all our sanctification, all our redemption is of the LORD and that beloved, so that we may do *“according as it is written”—“glory in the LORD”* (1 CORINTHIANS 1:31).

Beloved, *“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* (PHILIPPIANS 2:12) Our Salvation is *“of Him,”* AMEN!